**Resolving outstanding issues between India and China**

1669. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been recently any move either from the Chinese or from the Indian side to resolve all our outstanding issues including the Indo-China border dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof including progress, if any made in this direction;

(c) if not, whether India would take any initiative in this regard so as to stabilize our relations with China; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) During the visit of the then Prime Minister Shri A.B. Vajpayee to China in June 2003, both sides expressed commitment to developing their long-term constructive and cooperative partnership on the basis of the principles of Panchsheel, mutual respect and sensitivity for each other's concerns and equality, while simultaneously seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to all outstanding issues through peaceful negotiations. Both sides agreed to each appoint a Special Representative to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship the framework of a boundary settlement.

(b) to (d) The third meeting of the Special Representatives of the Governments of India and China on the Boundary Question was held in New Delhi on July 26-27,2004. The meeting between the National Security Advisor, Shri J.N. Dixit and the Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Dai Bingguo, Special Representatives of India and China respectively, was held in a friendly, constructive and cooperative atmosphere. The two sides agreed to hold the next meeting in Beijing at a mutually convenient date.